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Dear Danielle

**Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC Level 3 Horticulture**

Beckworth Emporium Ltd is a contemporary gardening and food emporium housing a Food Hall, Produce Market, Garden Nursery and award-winning Restaurant. We pride ourselves on high standards of customer experience and service, with quality locally sourced and produced products. We grow over 80% of our plants with care in our Emporium nursery. It's about giving the customer the best product and keeping our carbon footprint as low as possible.

As an employer in the sector, we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose:

- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Horticulture
- BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Horticulture
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Horticulture
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Horticulture

The qualifications will support learners to progress to employment or within employment in a range of job roles across the industry, for example:

- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Horticulture: landscape operative, ground maintenance operative, trainee grounds person, trainee grounds keeper
- BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Horticulture: gardener, assistant grounds keeper
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Horticulture: gardener, landscaper team leader, charge hand, grounds keeper
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Horticulture: commercial supervisor, landscape site supervisor, deputy-head gardener, deputy-head grounds person, contract supervisor, greenkeeper supervisor, nursery assistant manager, plant areas supervisor

For such roles, we believe that these qualifications provide an appropriate level of knowledge and skills, meeting the needs of the business and the individual, ensuring employees are appropriately skilled for the job and able to deliver to the standard that the sector expects.

The qualification will also support the individual, should they chose to progress in to further training.

We are happy for Pearson to use this letter in support of its work with government and its agencies, to ensure that this invaluable qualification can continue to be recognised for college performance tables and 19+ funding.

Yours sincerely

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